



## **National Market News Association Scholarship Program**

### **OVERVIEW**

The National Market News Association (NMNA) will annually award a scholarship to an undergraduate or graduate student whose major field of study is in the following: Agriculture, Animal Science, Agriculture Economics, Agriculture Marketing, Plant Science or other agriculture field.

Scholarships are awarded for academic excellence and the potential for future leadership in the agriculture industry. Review criteria are based on financial need, academic achievement, service activities, career goals and demonstration of leadership potential.

The scholarship is awarded to the student deemed most deserving by the NMNA Scholarship Committee.

### **APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS**

To qualify for consideration of this award, all eligible applicants must fulfill these minimum requirements:

- The applicant must be a full-time student in an undergraduate or graduate program in the agriculture field.
- The applicant must have a financial need, but is not the sole determining criteria.
- Completed application and all supporting materials must be postmarked by **May 15, 2009**. Late applications or incomplete application packets will not be accepted.

### **APPLICATION COMPLETION CHECKLIST**

- Complete Application
- Submit (2) Two Letters of Recommendation
- Submit Personal Statement
- Copy of Transcript



## APPLICATION FORM

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Contact Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address (if different from above):** \_\_\_\_\_

**College Name and Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Advisor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA (current or most recent semester):** \_\_\_\_\_

- Describe your field of study, major and minor.
- Awards (List any awards or special recognition you have received at school or in your community.)
- Extracurricular Activities (List community involvement activities or group memberships.)
- Career Aspirations (Indicate the career/careers you would like to pursue after graduation.)



## **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

All applicants must include at least (2) Letters of Recommendation with their application packet. The Letters of Recommendation must meet the following criteria:

- Each letter should compare the student to others in the following areas:
  - Leadership Abilities
  - Technical Skills
  - Communication Skills
  - Overall scholarship/aptitude
- The letters of recommendation should include the recommender's position/title.

## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

NMNA would like a better understanding of who you are as a person. Please prepare a personal statement/essay (250 word minimum) that includes a brief description of the following:

- Past Achievements
- Career goals upon graduation
- "Why Should I Receive This Scholarship?"

## **DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION ADDRESS**

Please mail or fax completed application and all supporting materials by **May 15, 2009** to:

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If you have any questions, please email [Sherry.Warren@ncagr.gov](mailto:Sherry.Warren@ncagr.gov). Please feel free to explore our web site at [www.ams.usda.gov/nmna](http://www.ams.usda.gov/nmna) for more information about the National Market News Association.

**\*\*\*The scholarship will be awarded in Raleigh, NC at the National Market News Association's annual banquet on Saturday, August 15, 2009.\*\*\***

Thank you for your interest and good luck!